



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 3/29/2017-UPDATE

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 3/28/2017

Time: 10:29 a.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: 265 Southard Drive

Zone: 2

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 170251788

Cruiser District: 133

Victim: Joseph McDowell

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 81

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

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**Incident Summary:** On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at approximately 10:29 a.m. CPD Officers and Medics were dispatched to 265 Southard Drive on a report of a male who was "on fire". Officers and medics arrived and found a male white victim, as well as a female white victim in front of the residence, who were suffering from severe burns on a significant portion of their bodies. Both victims were transported to O.S.U. Main E.R., by C.F.D. Medic's #3 & #22, with life threatening injuries. Officers and fire personnel also found a building located in the rear of the main residence fully engulfed in flames. As officers and fire personnel were checking the main residence, for any other victims, they found a male white subject, who was deceased and the probable victim of a homicide, which is not related to the fire. We are not releasing the names of the homicide victim and/or the victims of the fire, pending notification of their next of kin. The investigation continues.

This is the 29th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2017.

Detective Melissa Carlson #1329 is assisting with this investigation.

Anyone with any additional information on this incident is encouraged to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at 645-4730 or Crime Stoppers at 645-TIPS (8477).

## UPDATE:

The Homicide victim was identified as: Joseph McDowell; the victims of the fire were identified as: Ricky Skinner, male white, age: 42 yrs. and Jamie Raines, female white, age: 40 yrs.

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